



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Training Bulletin

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NALOXONE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Training Bulletin is to serve as a reminder regarding the Sheriff's Department Naloxone program.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department deputies will deploy Naloxone kits in the following primary locations: Detention Facilities, Courthouses, Every on-duty patrol unit, Community College unit(s), Court Services Field unit(s), Waterfront Enforcement Team (WET) unit, Railroad Enforcement unit(s), Traffic unit(s), School Resource Officer and any deputy, team, unit who, during the course of their shift is likely to respond to a medical emergency.

WHAT IS NALOXONE?

Naloxone (trade name "Narcan") is a prescription medication that has been used for decades as an antidote to reverse the effects of opiate overdoses. New California legislation allows private persons and first responders to possess Naloxone and administer the antidote medication in cases of opiate overdoses.

DEPUTIES RESPONDING TO AN OVERDOSE SHOULD PER POLICY 6.128:

When responding to a report of an overdose, officer safety is of the utmost priority. The following steps should be included:

- Ensure scene safety before any medical assistance is performed
- Maintain universal precautions
- Perform patient assessment (ABC's Airway/Breathing/Circulation)
- Determine unresponsiveness, absence of breathing or pulse
- Update dispatch of potential overdose
- Follow protocol as outlined for administering the antidote medication Naloxone
- Immediately inform responding EMS/Paramedics, Naloxone was administered and the number of doses
- Every deputy should have a breathing barrier to use during rescue breathing

AB472, CALIFORNIA'S 911 GOOD SAMARITAN LAW STATES:

“It shall not be a crime for any person who experiences a drug-related overdose, as defined, who, in good faith, seeks medical assistance, or any other person who, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for the person experiencing a drug related overdose, to be under the influence of, or to possess for personal use, a controlled substance, controlled substance analog, or drug paraphernalia, under certain circumstances related to a drug-related overdose that prompted seeking medical assistance if that person does not obstruct medical or law enforcement personnel.”

DOCUMENTATION OF NALOXONE USE:

A Naloxone Usage Report must be completed every time Naloxone is administered.

Ensure the NETRMS Special Studies Box: "Naloxone Related Event" is selected

- Complete deputy's report face sheet in NetRMS
- Include date, time, case number, victim and witness information
- For the narrative section write, “See attached Naloxone Usage Report”
- Attach Naloxone Usage Report

If a controlled substance(s) are discovered at the scene of an overdose incident:

- Collect and preserve evidence following Sheriff protocol
- Write crime report for future follow up with detectives
- Do not arrest overdose victim or the reporting party per the Good Samaritan Law

Note: If no controlled substances are found, a Deputy's Report and Naloxone Usage Report should still be completed.

CHECK IN/OUT PROCESS:

- Check in/Check out Log will be maintained by the Patrol Sergeant
- Naloxone kits will be stored in the locked cabinet in the briefing room and unlocked by the Patrol Sergeant during morning and evening briefings for deputies to check in/out the kits

When checking out a Naloxone kit:

- Inspect the kit immediately and ensure the device is intact
- Complete the daily check out including time, date, and kit number
- Naloxone Kits should be kept in the passenger compartment of the vehicle in order to properly preserve the medication from excessive exposure to high temperatures

If the kit was used:

- Dispose of the nasal device and Naloxone in the hazardous waste/sharps bin. (EMS responders or station sharps box)
- Check out a new kit

If your facility/station currently has any of the older 3 piece syringe naloxone kits, please change them out immediately with the Sheriff's Pharmacy for the single piece Narcan nasal spray.

This training bulletin was provided by the Naloxone coordinator Lt. Vickery. Please contact Lt. Vickery [REDACTED] with any questions regarding the use of Naloxone or refer to Sheriff's Department Policy 6.128 Use of Naloxone. If you have expertise in a particular subject and would like to write a training bulletin, please contact Corporal Brent Longfellow at [REDACTED]